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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BAKER, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA:—SWATOW, QUELON & CAMPERELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALES, Manila, C. HENRIKSEN & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—H. HOFFMANN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Manager.

Shanghai, . . . EWE CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and Country Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. " "

For 12 months, 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST STREBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under- signed.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Under- signed under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN,
W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

Intimations.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. H.



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1877-8.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Under- signed, until Noon on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1877-8, viz:—

FRESH BEEF RAISINS
FRESH VEGETABLES WATER
RICE SOFT BREAD
SUGAR BISCUITS
TEA

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars may be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 28, 1877. mcl6

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM

TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has this Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.

20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.

RESERVE FUND, £340,000

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. has this Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has Appointed Mr. A. MEYER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Under- signed is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class Steamer.

A. MEYER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. au17

ERNEST WASSILL & Co.,

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE this Day Established myself as

PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSILL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. ap1

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situate between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. O. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary.

Penang, Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876.

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries,

and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****,

in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

NOTICE.

NEITHER the Captain, the Agents, nor the Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor the Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wesenberg.—Siemssen & Co.

ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rotario & Co.

TRYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Rott. Golden.—Meyer & Co.

FORROSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schwaer.—Melchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque, Captain Wm. Sivewright.—Siemssen & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Siemssen & Co.

ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain A. Longmuir.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ROSTIN, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TULLOCHBOURN, British schooner, Capt. S. Masson.—Chinese.

PANOLA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lunn.—Landstein & Co.

To Let.

NO. 3, PRINCE STREET, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession.

Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

To Let.

THE House No. 7, Upper Mouque Terrace, at present in the occupation of A. B. JOHNSON, Esq., Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to

T. G. LINSTAD.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 7, Calne Road, lately occupied by Mr. PARKER.

House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIRK.

House No. 11, Seymour Terrace, at present occupied by Mr. N. J. EDS, Furnished or Unfurnished.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less sold); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES, BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874.

HEIDSIECK & Co., MONOPOLE.

DEETJEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 18, 1877. mcl9

NOW READY.

FENG-SHUI; OR, THE FUNDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. REITH. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. REITH. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"

Captain PITMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877. mcl6

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

The British Ship "ANGLO SAXON,"

C. HARRINGTON, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 9, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA,"

BLAKE, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

FOR YLOILO.

The 41 Spanish Schooner "UNION,"

MEXICACHUANA, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE,"

Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR TAKAO (DIRECT.)

The 41 British Bark "ORANGE GROVE,"

LONGMUIR, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY Next, the 16th Instant.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877. mcl6

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "MYSTIC BELLE,"

PRIMER, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "MENEAR,"

W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAIGON.

The Spanish Steamer
"ZAMBOANGA"
will be despatched for the above
Port on WEDNESDAY, the 14th
Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON,
Hongkong, March 12, 1877. mcl4

FOR SAIGON.

The British Steamer
"BENARTY,"
Capt. J. POTTER, will leave for
the above Port on SATUR-
DAY, the 17th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON,
Hongkong, March 12, 1877. mcl7

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship
"HAILOONG,"
Captain Amoy, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 12, 1877. mcl8

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALUTTA.

The Steamship
"PENGUIN,"
W. O. COVELL, Commander,
will leave for the above Ports
on TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, at 8 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 12, 1877. mcl9

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON,
No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD,
Begs to inform his Friends that he intends
being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six
or Eight Weeks, leaving early in APRIL.
Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
HANDSOME EUROPEAN-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have re-
ceived instructions to sell by
Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 19th March 1877, at Noon, at
St. John's Place,

The Residence of A. MOLLER, Esq.,—
The whole of his Household FURNI-
TURE, comprising: English-made Wal-
nut Cretonne Covered Chairs, and
Couches, Chiffonier, Marble-top Side
Tables, Engravings, Mirrors, Curtains,
Sideboard, Dining Table and Chairs,
Whitcomb, Electroplated Ware, Glass and
Crockery Ware, Iron Bedsteads, Maho-
gany Wardrobe with Mirror Front,
Toilet Glasses, Dressing Tables, Wash-
stands, Chests of Drawers,
do., do., do.

Also,
A SEMI-GRAND PIANO, by John
Broadwood & Sons, London.
A Collection of Choice PLANTS in
Pots.
do., do., do.

Catalogues will be issued, as usual,
and the Furniture will be on view on
SATURDAY, the 17th March.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots with all faults and errors of
description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.
Hongkong, March 12, 1877. mcl9

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 11, Olympia, German steamer,
777, F. Nagel, Holbow March 9, General.
—SIMPSON & Co.
March 11, China, Ger. str., from Canton.
March 11, Lydia, British barque, from
Whampoa.
March 11, Wodan, German barque, 439,
A. Meyer, Keelung March 6, Coal.
—WILKES & Co.
March 12, Swatow, British steamer, 880,
Hutchinson, Saigon March 6, Rice.
—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
March 12, Pucela, American 3-masted
schooner, 598, H. W. Lunn, Newcastle
(N.S.W.) Jan. 24, Coal.—LANDSTEIN &
Co.
March 12, Geelong, Brit. steamer, 1125,
O. Frazer, Bombay Feb. 20, Galle 24,
Penang March 8, and Singapore 8, General.
—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 11, Patria, for London, &c.
11, Nestor, for Shanghai.
11, Nehemiah Gibson, for Cebu.
11, Chin Tung, for Canton.
11, Formosa, for Saigon.
11, Edinburgh, for Singapore.
12, Tientsin, for Saigon.
12, Namoa, for Saigon.
12, Taiwan, for Coast Ports.
12, Annie B. Hall, for Whampoa.
12, China, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

William Turner, for Saigon.
Olympia, for Saigon.
Elo Logo, for Melbourne.
Duna, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Geelong, for Hongkong, from South-
ampton, Mr. and Mrs. White, 3 children and
maid, Mr. and Mrs. Francis and child, Miss
Spoor, Rev. Dr. Clark, x.m., Sub-lieutenants,
Dannison, Anson, and Shirley, and Com.
A. H. Hood, from Venice, Mr. Nicholson,
from Brindisi, Lieut. Hawes, from Bom-
bay, Mr. W. Tennant, and Dr. McLeod,
from Galle, Messrs. Calais and Ar-
strong, from Penang, Mr. and Mrs. Craig,
from Singapore, Messrs. G. S. and W. J.
McLellan, and 15 Chinese. For Shanghai,
Per Olympia, from Melbourne, 85 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per Patria, for Singapore, &c., Mr.
and Mrs. A. G. Morris and 4 children,
Major and Mrs. Budgen and child, Mr.
and Mrs. Griffiths, Captain Gammell, Mr.
G. Arber, 27 Invalids, 84 Rank and file,
and about 500 Chinese.
Per Taiwan, for Foochow, Messrs. C.
Oleum, and De Scotchhoff. For Coast
Ports, 160 Chinese.
Per Nestor, for Shanghai, 200 Chinese.
Per Tientsin, for Saigon, 10 Chinese.
Per Namoa, for Saigon, 6 Chinese.
Per China, for Shanghai, 102 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Olympia, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.
Per Elo Logo, for Melbourne, 2 Euro-
peans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer Olympia reports:
Had strong N.E. winds with thick cloudy
weather and rain to arrival.
The German barque Wodan reports:
Had S.E. winds the first three days, since
to port strong N.E. winds and fine weather.
The British steamer Swatow reports:
Strong monsoon first and latter part of
passage, middle part fine weather with
moderate Easterly wind.

CARGO.

Per German barque Bonito, called 10th
March, 1877.—For London, 7,614 bags
Sugar, 1,000 boxes Cassia, and 527 pkgs.
Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per OLYMPIA, at 11.30 a.m. To-
morrow, the 13th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per DUNA, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 18th inst.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per Schooner TULLOCHGORUM, at
3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.,
instead of as previously notified.

For SAIGON.—
Per ZAMBOANGA, at 4.30 p.m., on
Wednesday, the 14th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.—
Per DOUGLAS, at 6 p.m., on Wednes-
day, the 14th inst.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL-
CUTTA.—
Per PENGUIN, at 2.30 p.m., on Tues-
day, the 20th inst.

Per ARRATON APCAR, at 2.30 p.m.,
on Tuesday, the 20th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet TRAYAN-
COKE will be despatched with the
Mails for Europe, &c., on THURS-
DAY, the 15th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 14th.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 15th.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with
to LATE FEE of 18 cents extra
Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only,
addressed to the United Kingdom
Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally
closed.
Hongkong, March 2, 1877. mcl5

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet ALASKA
will be despatched on TUESDAY,
the 20th Instant, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, the United
States, and London, which will be
closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the
United States only may be
posted on board the Packet
with Late Fee of 12 cents
extra Postage until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Correspondence must be specially directed
for this route, and if not fully prepaid
will be sent by British Packet.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, March 8, 1877. mcl6

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet ANADYR
will be despatched from Hong-
kong on THURSDAY, the 22nd
Inst., with Mails to and through
the United Kingdom and Europe,
via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore,
Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet, but can be paid only
as far as Ceylon. The postage to
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters
should be marked *paid to Galle only*,
they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 21st Inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 22nd Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
except those to and through Aus-
tralia, may be posted on pay-
ment of a Late Fee of 25 cents
extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
Hongkong, March 8, 1877. mcl7

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 14.—
5 p.m.—Zamboanga leaves for Saigon.

THURSDAY, March 15.—
Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for
the supply of Provisions.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.

Goods per Tei-Ho, undelivered after
Noon, subject to rent and landing
charges.

Claims against the Hongkong Photogra-
phic Co. close after this date.

FRIDAY, March 16.—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.

Orange Green leaves for Takao on this
date.

SATURDAY, March 17.—
5 p.m.—Benary leaves for Saigon.

SUNDAY, March 18.—
Daylight.—Hailong leaves for Coast
Ports.

MORNDAY, March 19.—
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Mr. A. Moller's residence, at St. John's
Place.

TUESDAY, March 20.—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
hama and San Francisco.

3 p.m.—Penguin leaves for Singapore,
Penang and Calcutta.

MONDAY, April 21.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

Nearly Ready.

"THE CHINA REVIEW,"
No. 4, Vol. V.

Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and
a Half.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, March, 1877.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

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BIRTH.
At No. 6, Upper Mosque Terrace, Hong-
kong, on the 11th March, the Wife of Geo.
MURRAY BAIN, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 8.00 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1877.

The Government Gazette of Saturday con-
tains the annual report by Mr Stewart
on the various schools under government
superintendence in Hongkong. We shall
content ourselves with a résumé of the
report, because a great portion of it is
devoted to details and matters, which,
although doubtless very interesting to
those connected with the work of educa-
tion in the Colony, yet are scarcely
entertaining enough to the general reader
for reproduction in a newspaper. It
is pleasing to find in the first place from
this report that there was an increase
in the attendance at all the schools of
12 per cent. There was also an increase
in the number of girls at the various
schools of no less than 27 per cent. As
Mr Stewart observes, although the num-
ber of girls bears but a small proportion
to that of boys, being only about 1 to 5,
yet in a place where female education is
not merely neglected but looked upon as
unnecessary, if not pernicious, it is
gratifying to see prejudice yielding as it
is "doing" to the dictates of common
sense and duty. As regards the Cen-
tral School, the numbers are all but
stationary simply from want of accom-
modation. Applications for admission
are also steadily increasing. As it
had been found that in the grant-in-
aid schools the proportion of the grant
which was handed to the masters had a
most beneficial effect in maintaining
steady application throughout the year,
a modification of the plan was adopted
in the case of village schools. It
amounted to this: that at the end of the
year the schools were to be divided into
three classes, very good, good and fair;
that masters whose schools were in the
first rank would receive a bonus of \$25
each; those of the second \$15; those of
the third \$10; and all below the third
were to be recommended for dismissal.
The result of the first year's experiment
amounted to this: that more attention
was paid to the work that the number
of scholars did not fall off rapidly towards
the close of the year; that on no previous
occasion were the scholars present on the
examination day so numerous, and that
the amount and quality of the work done
were never so satisfactory. Five schools
were placed in the first rank, nine in the
second, and the remaining fifteen in the
third. Two or three at the end of the
last list were very poor in many ways,

but there were circumstances, local and
personal, connected with them that
prevented the adoption of the severe
measure which forms part of the scheme.

In regard to the school at Aberdeen
Mr Stewart observes that in the begin-
ning of the year it was almost extinct,
the attendance having dwindled to four.
This continued till the month of June,
at the end of which it was seriously in-
tended to shut up the school. It so
happened, however, that Mr Mathieson
of the Police Force was then in charge
of the Aberdeen Station, and seeing so
many children doing nothing except
getting into mischief, he remonstrated
with their parents, and the consequence
was that the numbers rose from 4 to 20.
As a final effort towards utilizing the
school, an evening class was opened in
the month of July for the benefit of the
Chinese police and the workmen at the
Aberdeen Dock. There were more ap-
plications for admission than the school-
room could accommodate. The class at
first numbered 34, and continued at nearly
the same point for some months; but
on account of the constant shifting from
place to place of the scholars, and also
on account of one of those outbreaks of
fever from which the village hardly ever
escapes in autumn, the numbers declined
rapidly during the last months of the
year. There was reason to believe,
moreover, that the master was far from
blameless for the falling off, but how to
find a better man is a very difficult
problem. Taking the year as a whole, the
results were not altogether unsatisfactory.
The average monthly enrolment of the
day and night schools together was 25,
and the average daily attendance for the
year was 17. Nevertheless, it is evident
that the Aberdeen School has not yet
overcome its difficulties; and its future
history is altogether uncertain. In re-
gard to the Grant-in-aid scheme, Mr
Stewart makes the following remarks:—

The Grant-in-aid Scheme has now had
three years' trial, and the result is upon
the whole satisfactory. With one excep-
tion both managers and masters have ex-
pressed their satisfaction with the scheme itself
and with the working of it. St. Paul's College
School, St. Stephen's Church School at Sai
Ying Pun, and the Victoria Girls' School
were added to the list during the last year.
St. Saviour's Day School was withdrawn.
This makes the present number of those
schools eleven; and there are fresh applica-
tions for the current year. Experience has
shown the necessity of one of two modifi-
cations of the original scheme. It is now
evident that the value of the passes
should be raised, and a proposal to that
effect will soon be offered for approval.
It will also be proposed to pay for attendance.
This, it is to be hoped, will
satisfy the conductors of St. Saviour's Day
School, now St. Joseph's English School,
and induce them to reconsider their decision
of declining to receive aid on the present
conditions.

With reference to the results of the
examination it seems that 390 scholars
were presented and 300 passed; in other
words, the passes amounted to 77 per
cent. This is lower than the average
reached in England, but not lower per-
haps than the special circumstances will
account for.

The School Book Committee's books
are now read in all the schools in the
Colony over which there is Government
superintendence. The subject matter of these
books, though very familiar to Europeans,
was entirely new to the masters, who, if
left to themselves, would not have taken
the trouble to familiarize themselves with
the contents of the books, but steady
pressure from all who were in charge
of the schools brought about a change
of attitude. When the masters under-
stood that they had to teach from them,
the necessary exertion was soon forth-
coming, and the books are now read side
by side with the Chinese classics and no
objection offered. Mr Stewart makes
the following among other remarks re-
specting the individual merits of the
schools:—

The Baxter Schools for Chinese Girls
are advancing steadily both in numbers and in
efficiency. The Tai-ping Shan School was
removed early in the year from very incom-
modious premises to the Baxter Memorial
School, which is all that could be desired as
a class-room. The other schools are in fairly
suitable buildings.

The St. Stephen's Church Schools are two in
number. The new school situated in Sai
Ying-pun promises well. The scholars were
wisely confined to the three lower standards,
thus ensuring efficiency for the present and a
solid foundation for the future. There were
only four failures. The Tai-ping Shan
School, for the reason already given, did not
stand so high in the previous year. The fall
of 12 per cent. in the number of passes was
due to too great an anxiety on the part of
the master to push on his scholars too rapidly,
and also to his undervaluing the effect of
the slight raising of the standards. This
will be remedied in future, as both manager
and master are alive to the mistake that was
made. Barring this, there was abundant
evidence of much hard work during the year.
In several subjects the school stood much
higher than any other in its own class. In
composition alone could it be said to be really
deficient.

The Victoria Schools are also two in num-
ber. The Boys' School stands 19 per cent.
higher than it did in 1876. The discipline
of the school is hardly strict enough, but
this reference to it will doubtless bring about
the necessary change. It may be remarked
in passing that in the majority of these
schools this subject needs greater attention
for it includes not merely order and
regularity, but habits of strict honesty and
a disagreeable duty from which he could be
considerably relieved, if greater strictness
were exercised throughout the year. The
Girls' School is in a highly satisfactory
condition. Although only in its first year,
scholars were presented in all the standards
except the sixth; and all were fit for the
standards in which they were placed. Every
subject was thoroughly taught; as the high
percentage of passes will prove. The dis-
cipline of the school and the intelligence of
the scholars were especially noted as worthy

of commendation. These two schools are
strictly undenominational. They are attended
principally by Portuguese, but are open to
scholars of every class and of every creed.
St. Paul's College School is the third of the
new schools which came under the scheme
during the year. It was attended by 102
scholars, and the average daily attendance
65. The teaching power is strong, there
being a European master and two Chinese
assistants for the three classes into which
the scholars are divided. The class-rooms
are spacious and well ventilated. The school
materials are good and sufficient. The
discipline is good. Great proficiency was
shown in all the subjects that were under-
taken. If nothing unforeseen occurs, there
is a successful future in store for this school.

In the Basel Mission Girls' School there
was falling off amounting to 10 per cent.
This was due to the greater number of pre-
sentations in the two highest standards. It
was in these alone that any weakness was
shown. The others were well up to the pre-
vious mark.

The London Mission Schools were particu-
larly unfortunate, and the cause was
clearly ambition overleaping itself. The
masters are energetic, intelligent men; but
they allowed themselves to be allured, it is
to be feared, by the pecuniary advantages
which the higher standards offer. This was
not so conspicuous at the Tai-ping Shan
school, which has risen one per cent., but
as it had a long leeway to make up, on
account of the former teacher's neglect, this
has been made. The Wan-tai school fell from
88 to 59 per cent. No scholars were entered
in the first standard, and only three in the
third. The rest were distributed among the
second, fifth, and sixth; and of the 16 pre-
sented in the fifth standard no fewer than
12 failed. In addition to this error of judg-
ment, the master made a mistake as to the
amount of work he had to do, and in certain
cases attempted to do just double what was
required of him. The result could hardly
have been otherwise than it proved. Per-
haps the worst effect has been the resignation
of the master, who lost heart and gave up
his post. Although the examiner could not
transgress the bounds prescribed to him, the
manager would have been able to make al-
lowance for failings which leaned to the side
of duty. The same energy properly directed
would, on another trial, have regained all
that had been lost, and future success would
have blunted the sting of last year's mis-
fortune.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

LONDON, 8th March, 1877.

THE PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY'S SUBSIDY.
The United States Senate has rejected
the motion for the proposed Subsidy to the
Pacific Mail Company voted by Congress.

RELIERS FOR THE CHINA SQUADRON.

H. M. Troop-ship Tamar has sailed with
crews for the China Squadron.

GAOL ADMINISTRATION.

The Government Gazette of Saturday con-
tains a report from the Gaol Committee
appointed by His Excellency the Adminis-
trator in October 1875, to consider the
subject of gaol administration in the Colony,
together with a copy of the Regulations and
Dietary Scale, which have been revised,
corrected and finally approved by His Ex-
cellency, the Administrator, in Council.
The report is dated April 21st 1876, and
we are unable to say why it makes its
appearance nearly a year later. It is pre-
sented with the following general remarks:—

The principles on which the Gaol system
in England as well as in the Colonies ought
to be carried on are now so well ascertained,
and have received such high sanction, that
it only remains to accept them and apply
them to each particular Gaol, as far as local
circumstances permit.

It is now settled beyond the reach of
controversy, that the primary object of
punishment is to deter from crime, and that
every other idea must be subsidiary to it.

Important as the mental and moral train-
ing of criminals may be, and satisfactory as
it may be to make a prison self-supporting
by employing prisoners in remunerative
labour, these objects must be considered of
secondary importance, and must be put
aside if they have the effect of rendering
punishments lighter, and therefore more
tolerable and less deterrent.

Owing to the peculiar circumstances of
this Colony, and the fact that by far the
larger proportion of the criminals confined
in the Gaol are Chinese, whose language is
but little known to those who have charge
of them, whose characters and dispositions
are imperfectly understood, and of whose
previous history and lives it is almost im-
possible to obtain any knowledge, any at-
tempt to cultivate their higher faculties
and to improve their moral condition seems
hopeless.

The European prisoners undergoing long
sentences are very few, the larger portion
being soldiers and sailors imprisoned
under what may be termed moderate sen-
tences for breaches of Military and Naval
discipline, and there is not time enough to
give room for hope that permanent im-
pressions can be produced by teaching and
moral discipline.

The only resource is to make the life of
prisoners in Gaol, and of Chinese prisoners
especially, as distasteful as it can possibly
be made, consistently with reason, and
humanity, by hard labour, hard fare, and
strict physical discipline.

In the course of their investigations the
Committee have formed the opinion that
Chinese prisoners on long sentences have
been fed on a scale of diet which must be
a positive inducement to the majority of them
to return to Gaol, so superior is it, both in
quantity and quality, to the fare which the
free labourer earning honest wages can
command.

As to European prisoners, the majority
of the Committee are of opinion, that the
dietary has been too high in some respects.
In this opinion Mr. Tennochy, who has
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management of the Gaol, does not concur,
and it is right to state that the Medical
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Hongkong, February 22, 1874.

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